



Church Walk Group

Draft Notes of meeting of Thursday 2nd October 2008

Present

Civic Society: Colin Pidgeon, Chair, Janet Pidgeon, Secretary
Church: David Truby
DDDC: Tanya Shaw
DCC: Barry Joyce, Dick Hardy

Apologies

Cllr Andrew Lewer Adam Lathbury Peter Smith Ralph Selby

Key points -

- dealing with wheelie bins –long term solution needed; causing an obstruction to highway; difficulties with Le Mistral; Colin & Mike to speak to owner of building; need to explore reasonable alternative siting for bins & ask traders/residents to cooperate, as in Matlock Bath; if alternative is not accepted, DDDC & DCC could be asked to invoke law; need to be included in whole project; alternative could be Town Hall yard but would need access; need to approach Traders' Group
- Lychgates access –gates belong to Vicar & could be opened at any time; area beyond gates: middle belongs to church, either side to Ken's; pedestrian access over 20 years makes it a highway; obstruction caused by detritus, cardboard crusher, trolley chained to gates; need to approach Traders' Group as part of whole project
- Railings & plinth –DDDC approached re contract, responsibilities, maintenance programme–no response to letter – need to take up with Peter Bartle, Estates Management
- HLF application –Jeremy Fenn, Senior Grants Officer at HLF, quite positive (see notes); move on to next phase of application; need to create vision to which community can sign up; need to meet HLF priorities -Conservation, Education, Community Involvement/Participation; inclusion of schools essential; contact Malcolm Marshall at County & request assistance in preparing application, particularly alternative funding; need to publicise application via Community Fayre, Matlock Mercury, Wirksworth Community News –ask for information from community, particularly re railings & war effort

- Matched funding –if local authority would have to fund as part of maintenance –not considered matched funding; if considered ‘betterment’ –may be considered –may be relevant to repair of gullies & drains if DCC carried that out
- Timescales – if DCC allocated funding for surface of Church Walk before outcome of application to HLF known; would DCC earmark & retain funding until outcome known?
- Grants from Derby & Derbyshire Economic Partnership – competitive bidding & economic basis required could raise profile of project; Tanya to investigate
- Grants from Derbyshire Environmental trust (Aggregates Fund) –Mike to pursue with Robin Grey from Derbyshire Environmental Trust re railings
- ‘Red Square planting scheme (current) – Mike to pursue
- Lighting – Irene Ratcliffe has taken this up on our behalf – 2 lights to be installed,
- CCTV Partnership- Janet written letter of support for Irene’s bid for funding
- Strategic plan – simplified plan outlining costings presented; need to add element of time for matched funding
- Police proactive in area & situation improving

Next steps/Action points

See Action Sheet for this meeting

Next meeting: Thursday 8th January 2.00pm Club Room, Town Hall